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Inventors: Steve Ingram, Melvin Pardue  
Application Number: 10/820,360  
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Title: *Hand Tool Stop Pin*

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

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Washington, D.C. 20231

## Affidavit of Melvin Pardue

I, Melvin Pardue, state and declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor named in the above patent application. I make the following statement pursuant to my duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56.
2. I am a knife designer and maker. I have been designing and making knives since 1957, and have had my own company (Pardue Knives) since 1974. I live in Repton, Alabama.
3. More than one year prior to the filing date of the present application, I worked in my shop on designing a stop pin that facilitates adjustment of the position of the blade in the open position. At this time I came up with the idea of a stop pin that has four flattened outer surfaces between two cylindrical outer portions, with each of the flattened surfaces having a slightly different height measured from the center of the stop pin. I did not have any suitable equipment in my shop to manufacture such a stop pin, and therefore filed the four flattened outer surfaces with a hand file. The diameter of the stop pin measured at the cylindrical outer portions was less than the diameter measured at the central flattened surfaces.
4. The central portion of the stop pin with the four flattened surfaces was held between the handle liners, and the cylindrical outer portions were held in bores in the liners. The stop pin was held in place with a set screw hidden under the bolster on the handle. The screw extended through a side wall of the handle, through the liner and into the end of the stop pin. When tightened, the screw drew the shoulder of the stop pin against the inside of the handle liner and prevented the stop pin from rotating.

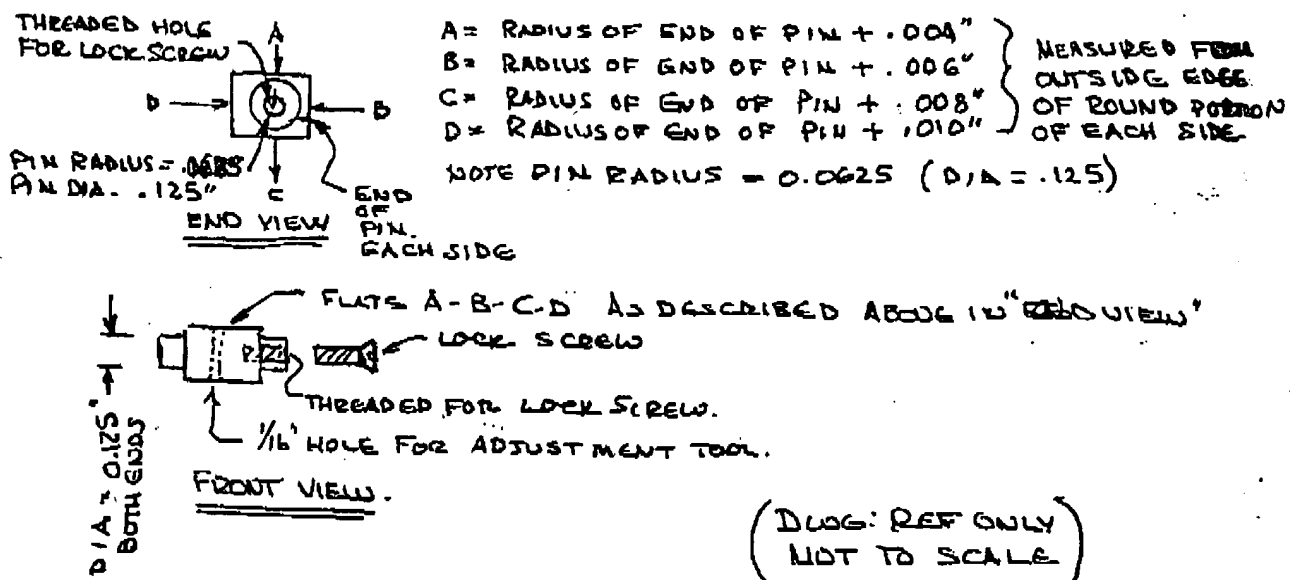
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5. To adjust the stop pin, the bolster was removed and the set screw was loosened. To rotate the stop pin, I drilled a small hole about  $1/16$ " of an inch into one of the four flattened surfaces of the pin. I then inserted a smaller rod into the hole and used it to rotate the pin to the desired position. I then retightened the set screw and replaced the bolster.

6. As I recall, I sold two or three knives incorporating the stop pin just described more than one year prior to the filing date of the present application.

7. I do not have any pictures of the stop pin described above, but I have sketched a picture of the stop pin below:



I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. The matters set forth herein are known to me personally, and if called as a witness, I could and would be able to testify competently as to the facts set forth herein.

Executed on this 14th day of February, 2005, at Repton, Alabama.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melvin Pardue  
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